



YOUR HEART IS IN  
THE RIGHT PLACE  
It is in your gift when your  
gift is a box of our perfect  
candy. If you want her to  
know your heart goes with it  
send her this delightful pack-  
age of unsurpassed sweets and  
witness her pleased surprise.

**De Luxe Candy Co.**  
ALMA, MICHIGAN

We have an outlet for wet beans to  
go to the canner. Anything above 20 per cent  
moisture. Now is the time to dispose of wet stock  
while the government allows canning.

**Forest Hill Elevator Co.**  
ELMER N. POST, Secretary and Treasurer  
Forest Hill, Michigan

## Sit Up and Take Notice

Nelson Smith offers for  
Hay---\$18 to \$21 a ton  
Beans---\$12.00 a cwt.

We are again allowed to can  
beans, all above 20 per cent moisture  
for which I am paying a \$12.00  
basis; market is still on the decline.

**Wholesale and Retail Produce**  
Caple Warehouse South End of Gratiot Avenue  
Both Phones ALMA, MICH.

## Saturday and Monday SPECIAL

**Stop and Shop at Willet's**

205 W. Superior—624 River Avenue

Farm House Coffee.	24c
1 lb. for	
2 lbs. 47, 5 lbs. \$1.10.	
3 pkgs. Light House Mince Meat	25c
for	
Codfish.	22c
per lb	
6 boxes Matches	25c
for	
Sweet Corn.	15c
per can	
Peas.	12c
per can	
Raspberry.	20c
per can	
Cherries.	20c
per can	
Marquis Flour,	\$1.49
per sack	

**Cash and Carry**

**F. R. WILLET**

Try The Record Want Ads.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

You will find the best bread in  
Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f  
Wm. S. Hart, in "The Disciple,"  
Idlehour, Christmas day.—Adv.  
Don't forget we roller skate every  
night over the postoffice.—Adv.  
J. W. Blakley was in Grand Rapids  
on business the fore part of the week.  
Mrs. Harry Gerber is entertaining  
her mother, Mrs. Ohlin, of Detroit,  
this week.  
Dr. N. F. McClinton of Saginaw  
was an Alma visitor the latter part  
of last week.  
The Alma Benevolent Circle will  
meet with Mrs. P. M. Smith Thurs-  
day, Dec. 20th.  
Mrs. D. L. Sullivan, living on State  
street, is reported as being very ill  
at this writing.  
Daniel Goggin of this city was in  
Mt. Pleasant on business the latter  
part of last week.  
Douglas Fairbanks, in "The Man  
from Painted Post," Idlehour, Sunday  
and Monday.—Adv.  
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The Hon. Francis S. Dodds of Mt.  
Pleasant was in the city on business  
yesterday morning.  
"Fatty" Arbuckle, in "Fatty at Co-  
ney Island," the biggest scream yet,  
Idlehour, Wednesday.—Adv.  
Remember Thursday, December 20,  
Red Cross benefit, Genesta theater,  
afternoon and evening.—Adv.  
College night, Idlehour, Thursday,  
December 20. "Jack" Pickford in the  
"Ghost House." Special comedy.  
Mrs. Bert Thorp spent the week-  
end in Battle Creek visiting with her  
son, who is in training at Camp Cus-  
ter.

Chester M. Davis, of the Central  
Michigan Light & Power company,  
was in Saginaw on business yester-  
day.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rowley left  
Tuesday for Leon Haven, Fla., where  
they will visit for the coming two  
months.  
Ike Fink of Columbus, O., Republic  
Motor Truck dealer in that city, was  
in Alma on business the latter part of  
last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerber are en-  
tertaining Mr. Gerber's brother, J.  
F. Gerber and wife, of California,  
this week.  
A \$40,000 stock of watches, jewelry  
and diamonds to choose from Satur-  
day, Dec. 15. J. E. Converse, 106  
East Superior. 21-11-c  
Rev. H. D. Gaffney and wife of  
Coopersville have been visiting at the  
home of Rev. J. B. Griswold and wife  
for several days.  
James Stauffer left this morning  
for Washington, D. C., where he ex-  
pects to secure a commission in the  
United States army.  
The L. O. T. M. will give a baked  
goods sale at the gas office Saturday  
afternoon, December 15, for the bene-  
fit of the Y. W. C. A.  
A. J. Hall and John Gaffney, both  
of whom have been very ill for the  
past few weeks, are reported to be  
much better this week.  
Word has been received of a change  
of address of Dr. and Mrs. Lancas-  
hire from Manchester, Mass., to 7  
E. 75th street, New York city.  
Office Manager Rath of the Repub-  
lic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated,  
has moved into the G. O. Ward  
residence on West Superior street.  
The Parents' Teachers' club will  
meet at the Union school building  
Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. All par-  
ents are invited to attend this meet-  
ing.

Work is progressing rapidly on the  
new cafe, which is to be opened the  
latter part of the month in the Church  
block, where the postoffice was for-  
merly located.  
The annual bazaar and supper of  
St. John's Ladies' Guild netted \$137,  
of which sum \$23.50 came from the  
sale of knitted goods made by Mrs.  
A. W. Wright.  
Charles Swanton, aged 17 years,  
died at the home of Ed. McLain  
here Monday evening. The funeral  
services were held from the residence  
Wednesday forenoon.  
Lester McAllister, a former Alma  
college student, well known here, is  
another of Alma's men who received  
a commission at Fort Sheridan in the  
recent training camp.

The annual supper held at the Rap-  
tist church parlors Tuesday evening  
was the best attended of any ever  
held, and a nice sum of money was  
realized for the church.  
"Speed" Narraunce, a freshman in  
Alma college and member of the 1917  
M. J. A. A. champion football team,  
left Tuesday for Detroit, where he  
enlisted in the United States navy.  
Sheriff Newell Bradford of Ithaca  
was in Alma Tuesday night on his  
way to Saginaw, where he was run-  
ning down some more rumors in con-  
nection with the Epler murder case.

At the council meeting Tuesday  
evening the council voted to have the  
chief of police, Oscar Vibber, order  
all loose signs from the main streets,  
number of V-shaped signs had taken  
their departure.  
Word has been received from Oma-  
ha, Neb., to the effect that Reginald  
McClinton, Alma man, who has been  
attending the University of Nebraska,  
has enlisted in the United States  
army, in the Medical Reserve corps.

Mrs. William A. Bahke left yester-  
day for Chicago, Ill., where she  
will meet her sister, Mrs. Codding-  
ton, who has been spending some months  
in California. She will come to Alma  
and visit with Mrs. Bahke for a time.  
J. D. Spinney was in Lansing and  
Battle Creek over the week-end.  
While in the latter place he made a  
trip out to Camp Custer and spent a  
few hours with his son, Lieutenant  
Spinney, and also with Major James  
A. Greene.

At the council meeting held Tues-  
day evening the proposition of a fire  
marshal for Alma was brought up  
and much favorable comment was  
made. It is expected that action in  
this regard will be taken by the coun-  
cil within a couple of weeks.

The Alma Record calls attention to  
the fact that an error appeared in  
the advertisement of C. G. Falor &  
Son last week. In regard to the of-  
fers in boys' suits, it was said that

watches would be given free with  
suits from \$5 to \$10, and it should  
have been from \$6 and up.

All ladies who took yarn before  
Dec. 12 must return completed work  
to the Red Cross rooms on or before  
Dec. 19th. This is the kind of  
weather our boys need extra protec-  
tion. Remember, they are fighting  
our battles as much as their own.

It is reported from good authority  
that Alma has a real live and up-to-  
date wife beater. The man in ques-  
tion went to his home in a drunken  
condition last Saturday evening, ac-  
cording to reports, gave his wife a  
severe beating, and, it is said, threat-  
ened her life if she gave an alarm.  
Through fear of a repetition of the  
beating she did not make a com-  
plaint. Some weeks ago this same  
man was given exemption by the  
draft board, it is said, because he  
claimed that his wife was frail and  
unable to care for herself. Evidently  
he wants to keep her in a frail condi-  
tion in case he should be called be-  
fore the draft board again, so that he  
will again have a chance to hide be-  
hind skirts. It is regarded as doubt-  
ful, however, if Uncle Sam would  
care for such cowards in the army.

### NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

To All Registrants Under United  
States Selective Service Regula-  
tions:

On December 15th the Local Board  
will commence sending out to each  
registrant a Questionnaire containing  
a list of questions to be answered  
under oath by each registrant  
whether previously exempted or not.  
The undersigned having been ap-  
pointed as the Legal Advisory Board  
for this district, and having organized  
all the lawyers in Gratiot county as  
associate members of said board under  
the regulations prescribed by the  
President,

Now, therefore, notice is hereby  
given to said registrants that all  
members of the legal profession will,  
without expense of any kind, either  
to the government or to the regis-  
trant, aid and assist in making proper  
answers to said questions, prepar-  
ing affidavits, taking oaths, etc.

In view of the large number of reg-  
istrants and the amount of work to  
be done, it has been decided that,  
commencing Tuesday, December 18,  
and each week day thereafter, except  
holidays, until the work is completed,  
some member of the legal profession  
and others assisting will be present  
at the places, and during the time  
named below, for the purpose of ad-  
vising and assisting in said work.

Inasmuch as each registrant must  
return his Questionnaire within seven  
days from the date of mailing, and in  
order to avoid the coming at one time  
of more registrants than can be at-  
tended to, we urge that each regis-  
trant attend, on the day following the  
receipt of his Questionnaire, one of  
these places and the one most con-  
venient to him, and that he appear  
at 9 a. m. or 1 p. m., at which time  
he will be assisted and sworn or sent  
to some lawyer's office for that pur-  
pose. Be sure to bring your Ques-  
tionnaire with you. And in order to  
permit the lawyers to attend to their  
ordinary business during other hours  
we urge that no registrant go to the  
lawyers' offices except during these  
hours, and then only when sent there  
by members of this board or others  
assisting them at said places.

This work will be conducted at the  
following places:

At Ithaca, in the court room in the  
Court House.

At Alma, in the rooms next adjoin-  
ing the offices now occupied by the  
Draft Board.

At St. Louis, in the room used for  
court room, in the Harrington Block.

It is vitally important to each reg-  
istrant and his family that each  
questionnaire should be properly filled  
out, and it is equally important to the  
government that this be done. The  
lawyers have endeavored to become  
acquainted with the rules and regula-  
tions, and are, therefore, better pre-  
pared than others to look after this  
work, and each registrant should  
avail himself of the opportunity to  
secure this advice and help.

Dated December 12th, 1917.

KELLY S. SEARL,

Chairman.

JOHN T. MATHEWS,

H. E. WALBRIDGE,

Legal Advisory Board.

### RED CROSS DRIVE.

During Christmas week the local  
Red Cross will make a big drive here  
for memberships. All patriotic Amer-  
icans should respond to the appeal of  
this great American organization,  
which is doing so much for the boys  
at the front. It's a great work that  
the Red Cross is doing.

### NOTICE TO PINE RIVER TAX- PAYERS.

I will be at the hardware in Forest  
Hill Thursdays, Dec. 13, 20 and 27,  
1917, and Jan. 3, 1918, at First State  
Bank, Alma; Fridays, Dec. 14, 21 and  
28, 1917, and Jan. 4, 1918, at Com-  
mercial Savings Bank, St. Louis, Sat-  
urday, Dec. 15, 22 and 29, 1917, and  
Jan. 5, 1918, for the purpose of col-  
lecting taxes for Pine River township.  
Dated Dec. 3, 1917.

DON E. HAYES,

Treasurer of Pine River.

Wm. S. Hart, in "The Disciple,"  
Idlehour, Christmas day.—Adv.

### G. B. PORTER



REGISTERED  
OPTOMETRIST

Fine Watch Work a Specialty  
State Street, Second Door South of  
Ellison's Grocery

**S. W. Anderson, Alma**  
Union Phone 120  
Groceries, Shoes and Furnishings  
Highest Price for Fancy Butter and Eggs  
Cash Buyers, I want Your Business

**Special for Saturday**  
Tomatoes per can 20c

One can free with two Dollars in trade or 1 can of corn, 1 can of peas and 1  
can of tomatoes free with

**\$5.00 in Trade**

or 24½ lb. sack of Flour for \$10.00 in Trade

Over 10 per cent off, only it's given in trade instead of money.

## Davis' Cigar Store



**When Buying Xmas  
Gifts Don't Forget**

THAT we carry a  
larger line than  
ever before of  
smokers' accessories, to-  
bacco, cigars and cigar-  
ettes and Xmas pack-  
ages, fancy Pipes in  
cases, Cigar Holders,  
nobby Cigarette Holders,  
dandy new and novel to-  
bacco pouches and many  
other things. Also Xmas  
packed boxes of candy,  
the best ever. Come in  
and look our stock over  
before you buy.

## Davis' Cigar Store

BELL PHONE 211

127 SUPERIOR ST.

*There's Something  
Here for Everyone*

## Buy Useful Gifts for Christmas

A Complete Line of

**Silverware**

**Aluminum Ware**

**Pyrex Baking Dishes**

**Pocket Knives**

**Coffee Percolators**

**Casseroles**

**Many Other Things**

**Glass & Hannah**  
Alma's Leading Hardware